THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF GUIR.
THE TARKEN HIGHLANDS.

CHAPTER 14

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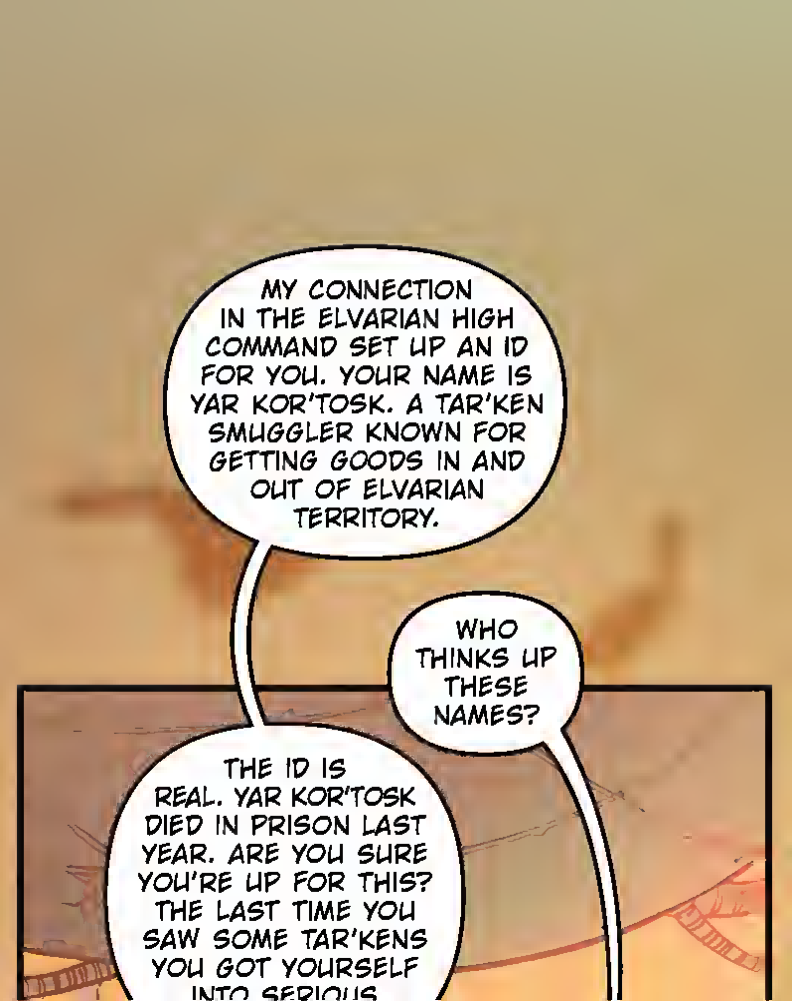
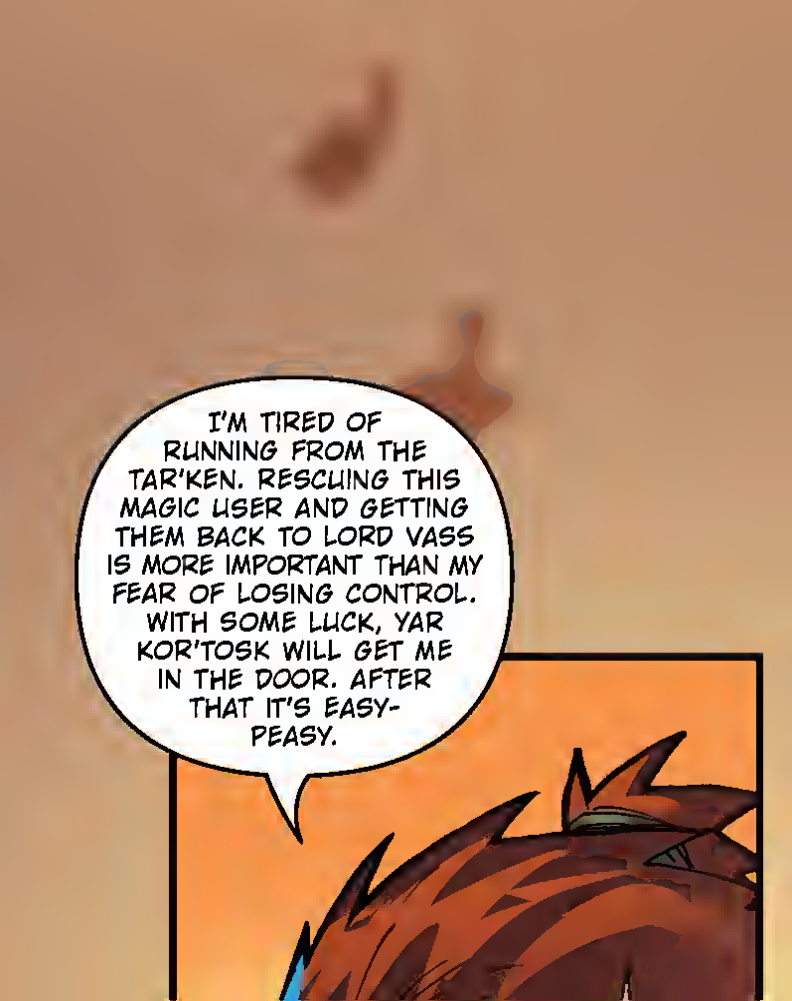
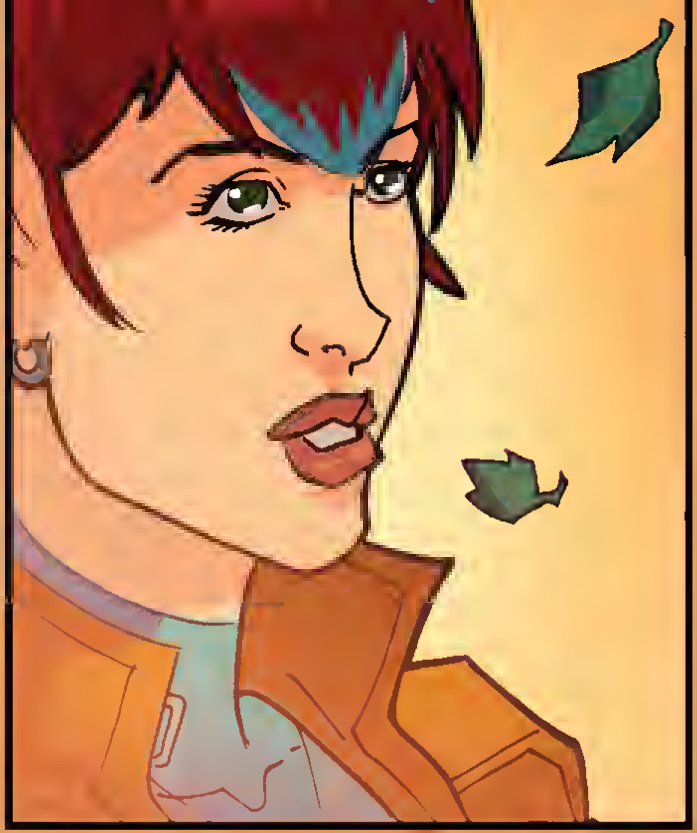

MY CONNECTION IN THE ELVARIAN HIGH COMMAND SET UP AN ID FOR YOU. YOUR NAME IS YAR KOR'TOSK. A TAR'KEN SMUGGLER KNOWN FOR GETTING GOODS IN AND OUT OF ELVARIAN TERRITORY.
WHO THINKS UP THESE NAMES?
THE ID IS REAL. YAR KOR'TOSK DIED IN PRISON LAST YEAR. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE UP FOR THIS? THE LAST TIME YOU SAW SOME TAR'KENS YOU GOT YOURSELF INTO SERIOUS

INTO SERIOUS
TROUBLE.

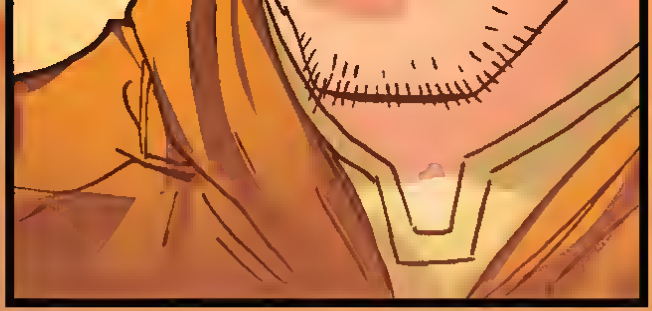

I'M TIRED OF RUNNING FROM THE TAR'KEN. RESCUING THIS MAGIC USER AND GETTING THEM BACK TO LORD VASS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY FEAR OF LOSING CONTROL. WITH SOME LUCK, YAR KOR'TOSK WILL GET ME IN THE DOOR. AFTER THAT IT'S EASY-PEASY.

IT'S NEVER EASY WITH THE TAR'KEN, COLT. KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN. MEET THE CONTACT AT THE FALLING HAMMER INN. GET IN, GET OUT.



THANKS, MOM. JUST MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE AT THE RENDEZVOUS.
SEEING THESE TAR'KEN MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL. THE SOONER I'M OUT OF THERE THE LESS CHANCE I

HAVE OF TURNING PRIMAL.



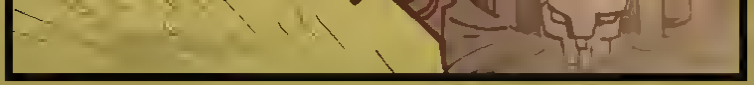
BE SAFE.

SMOOCH

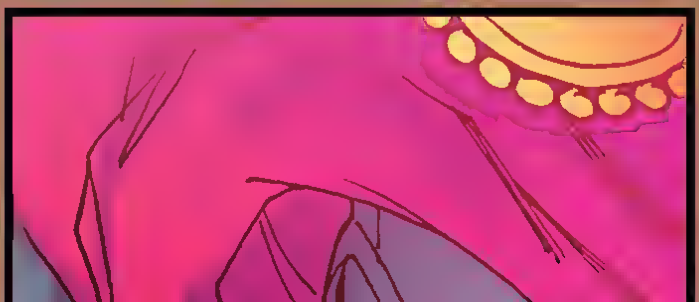
EITHER I'M WEARING YOU DOWN WITH MY ENDLESS SUPPLY OF CHARM OR YOU SECRETLY LOVE ME.

KEEP DREAMING.

I'M WORRIED.



HE'LL BE OKAY. THERE ARE VERY FEW PROBLEMS IN THIS WORLD THAT COLT CAN'T WORK HIS WAY OUT OF.



I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT THAT. I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIM IF HE LOSES CONTROL AGAIN. WILL HE FIND HIS WAY BACK?

THE TAR'KEN
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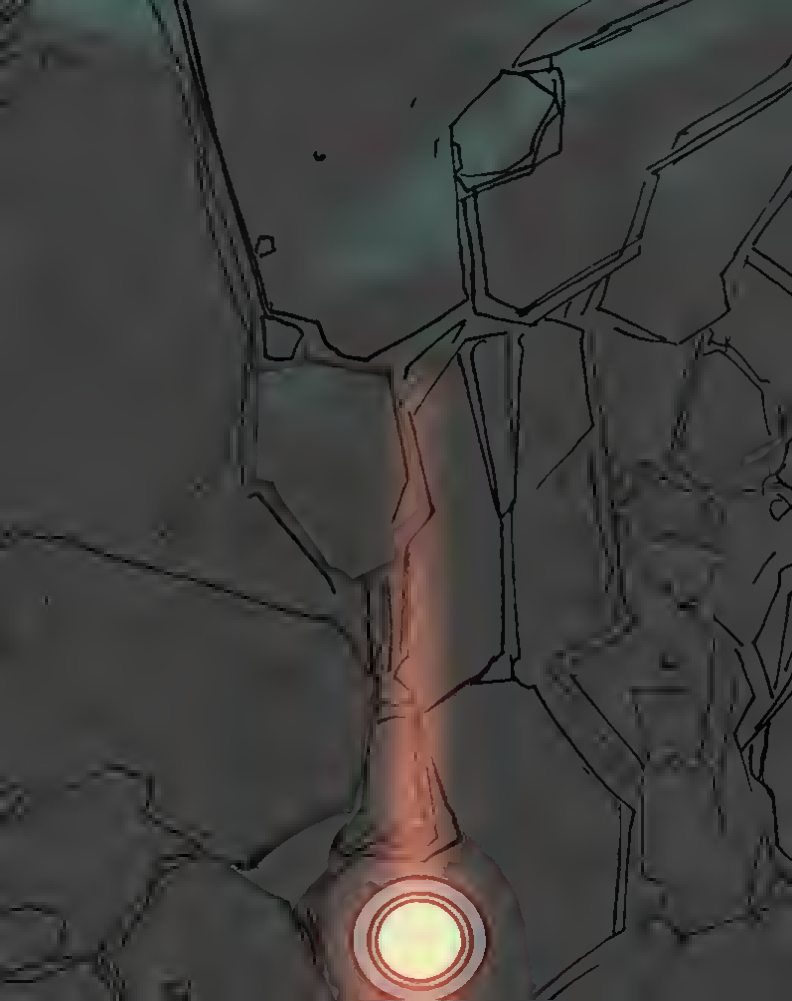
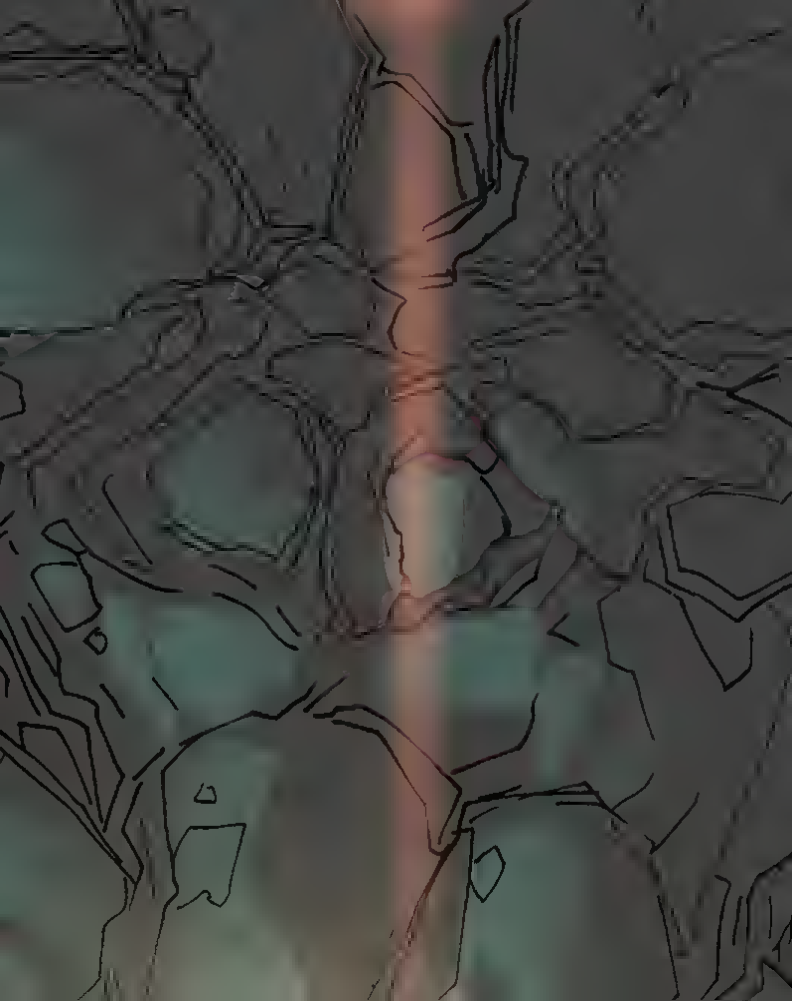


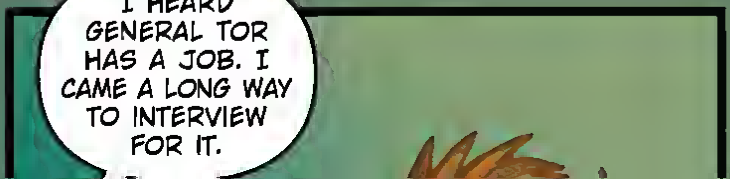


YAR KOR'TOSK? WHAT BUSINESS BRINGS YOU FROM THE LOWLANDS TO GUIR?

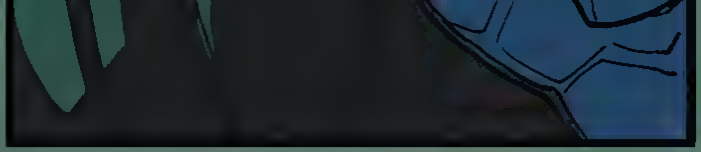
I WORK IN THE TRANSPORT BUSINESS. GOODS AND PEOPLE NO MATTER TO ME. I'M HOPING TO

DO BUSINESS WITH THE NORTHERN CLANS.

Hmmm
A SMUGGLER? WE DON'T LIKE YOUR KIND SNEAKING AROUND HERE. GUIR IS A PLACE FOR WARRIORS, NOT ERRAND BOYS.


I HEARD GENERAL TOR HAS A JOB. I CAME A LONG WAY TO INTERVIEW FOR IT.

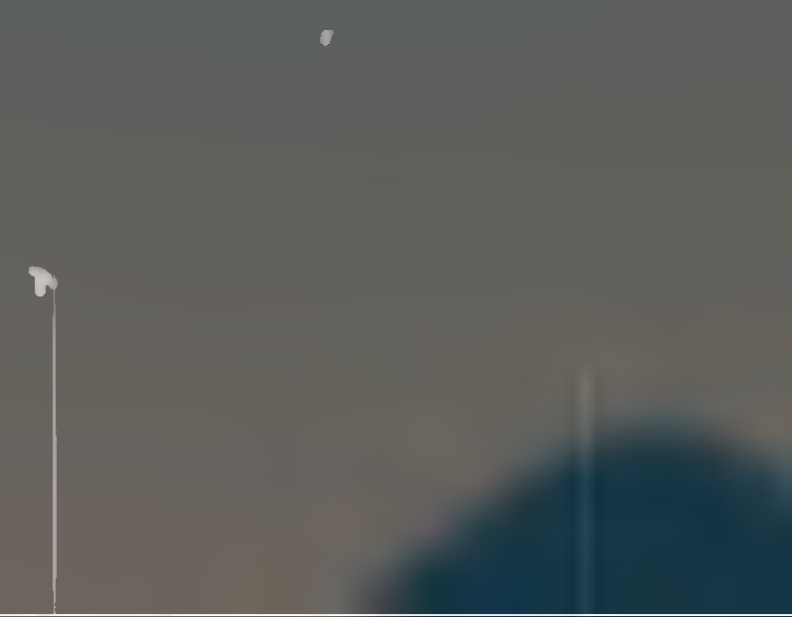
COME BACK TOMORROW. MAYBE I'LL BE IN THE MOOD TO LET YOU IN

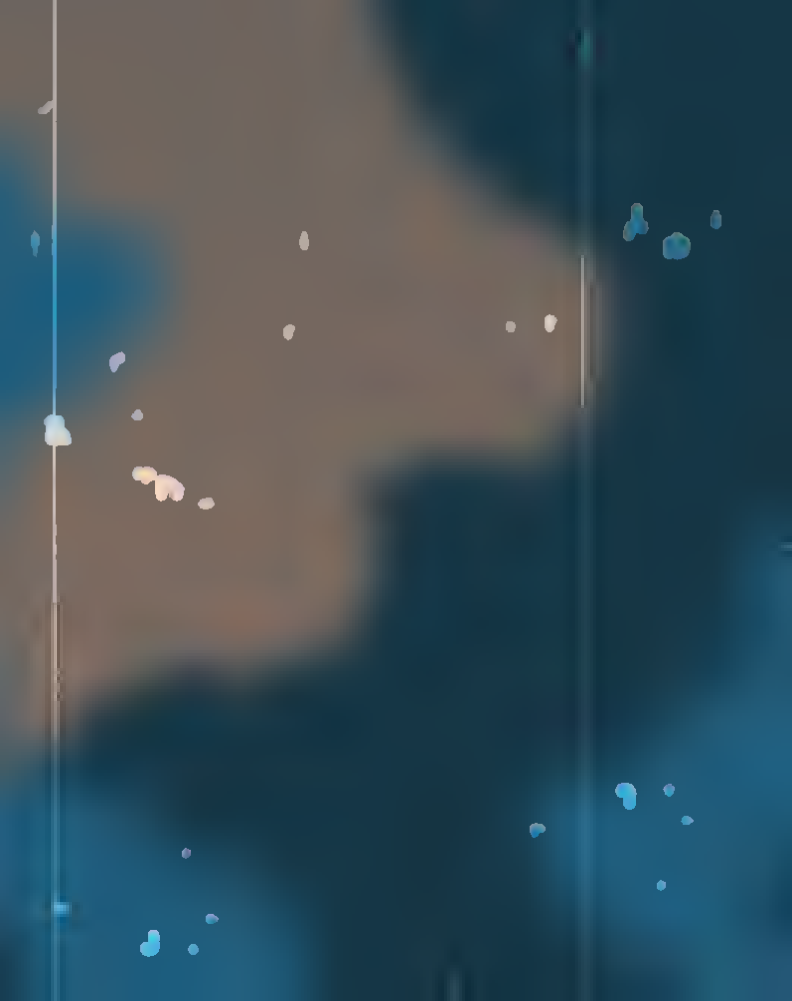


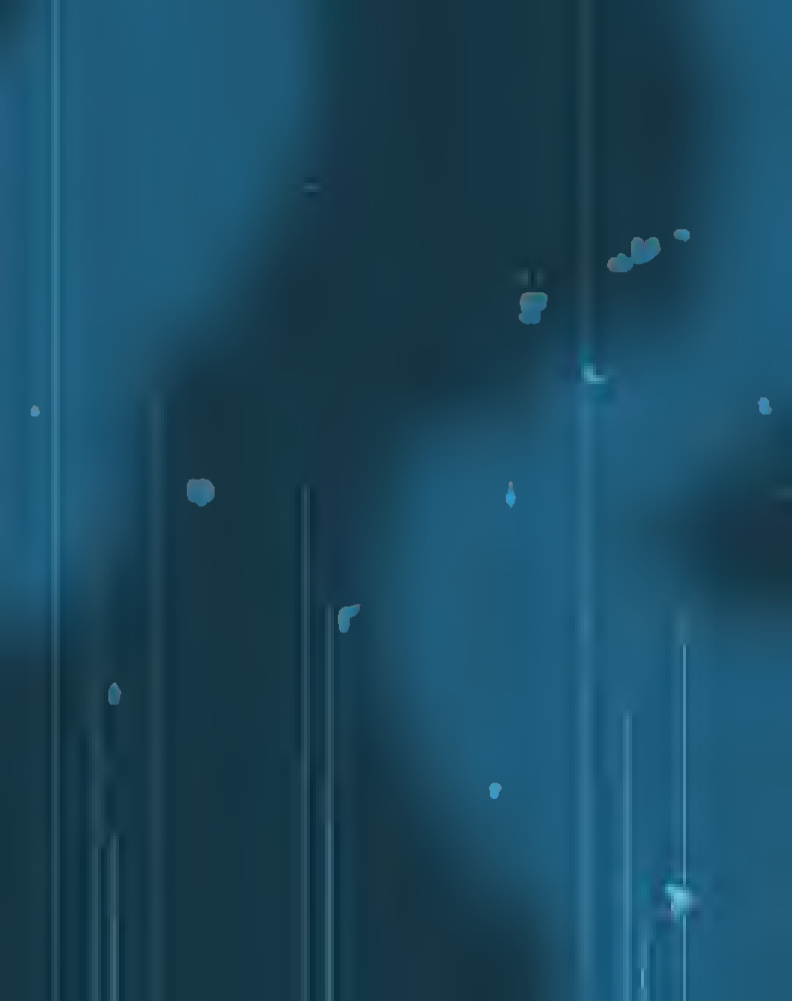
TOMORROW

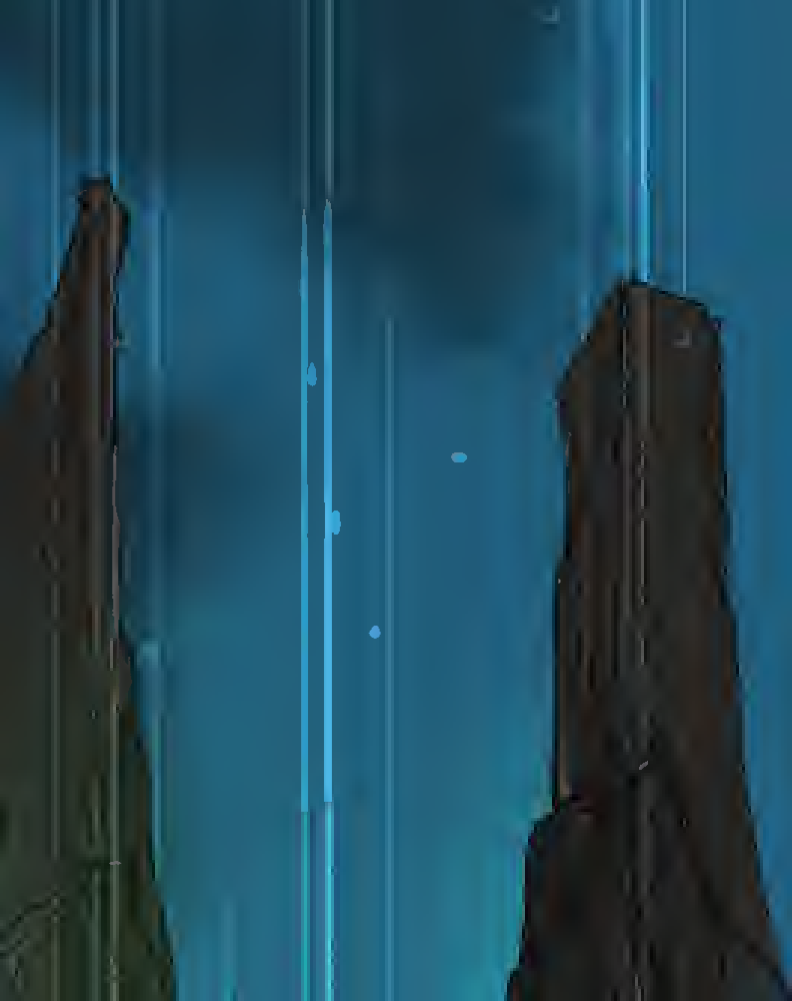
DOESN'T WORK FOR ME. MAYBE THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR MOOD.

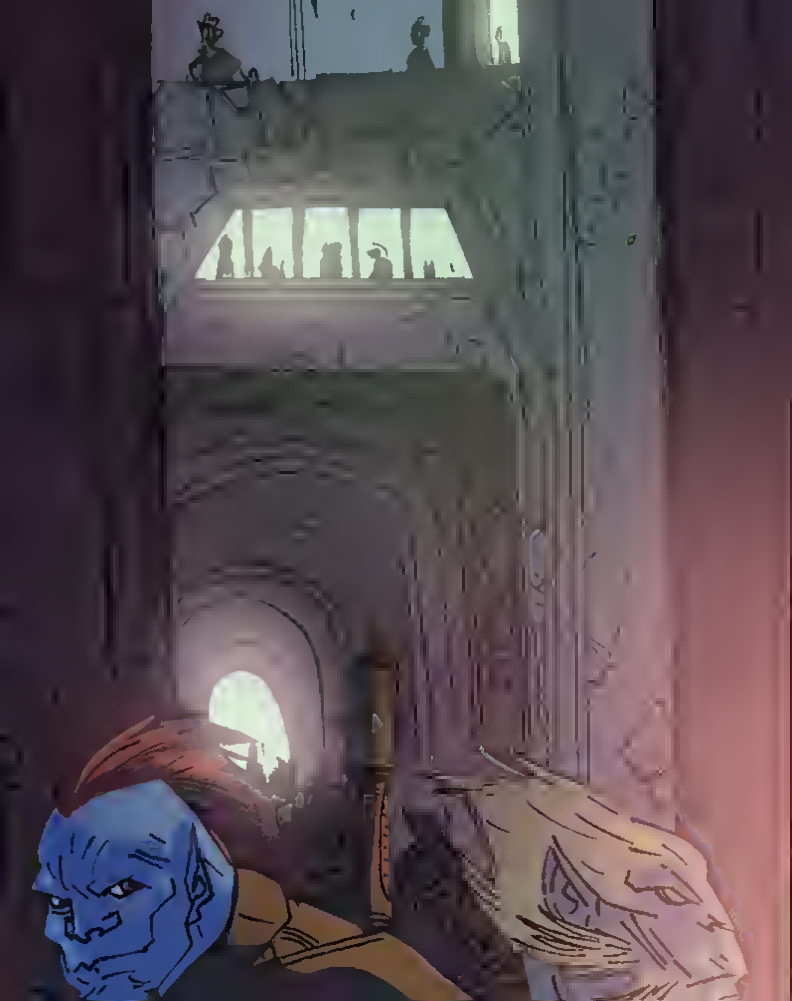
OPEN THE DOOR FOR OUR NEW FRIEND MR. KOR'TOSK. HE'S HERE TO DO SOME BUSINESS.

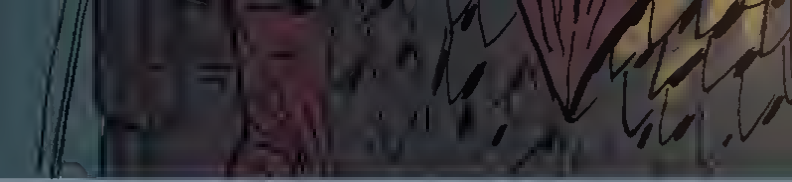








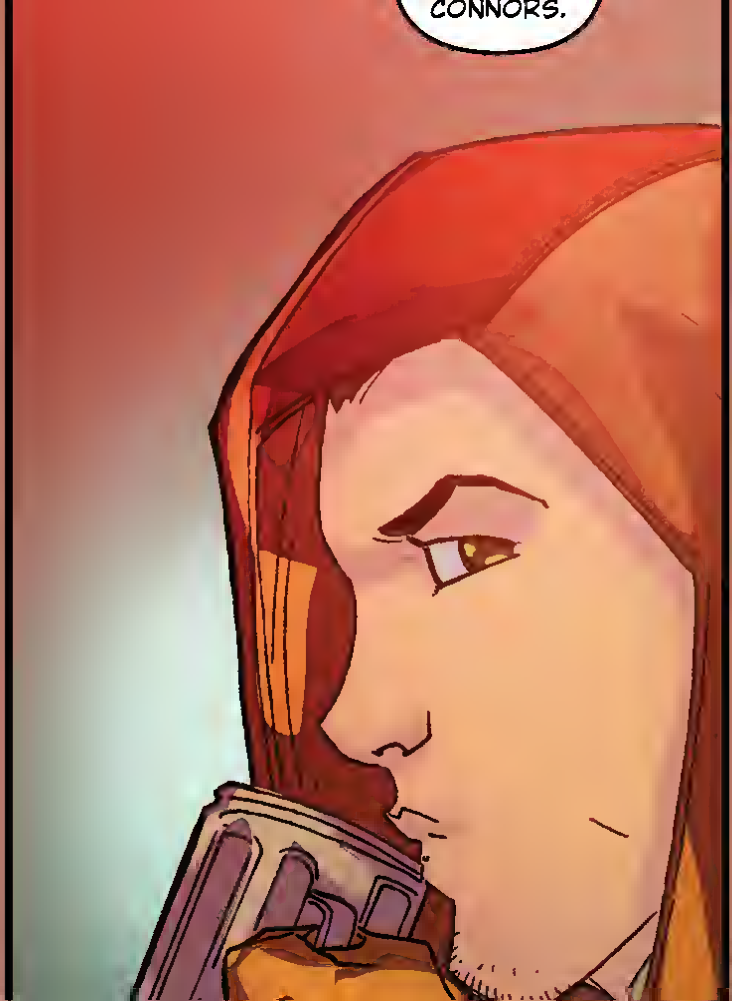




GUIR ALE. HOLD THE SPELLS.

YES SIR.

WELL
IF IT ISN'T
COLT


CONNORS.

GUIR MUST HAVE LOWERED ITS STANDARDS IF

THEY LET YOU IN.

JARAH?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SPTOO

AFTER FOUR YEARS THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY TO YOUR PARTNER? WHAT ABOUT YOU? LAST I HEARD YOU RAN OFF WITH THAT ELVARIAN ZEALOT. G'MO, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

HER NAME IS D'CLO, AND SHE'S NOT A ZEALOT. CAN YOU KEEP IT DOWN? I'M HERE TO MEET SOMEONE AND I'M... INCOGNITO.

GENERAL TOR SENT ME TO MEET SOME LOW LIFE SMUGGLER NAMED YAR KOR'TOSK AND BRING HIM TO A MEETING.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN THIS BUT... I'M YAR KOR'TOSK... I'M THE LOW LIFE SMUGGLER YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET.

OH GREAT! I DON'T KNOW WHAT SCHEME YOU'VE GOT COOKING BUT YOU BETTER WATCH YOURSELF COLT. TOR RUNS THE WAR CLANS IN THESE PARTS AND WHEN I SAY RUN I MEAN HE MAKES THE LAWS AND BREAKS THEM WHENEVER HE FEELS LIKE IT.

THE ONLY THING HE LIKES MORE THAN MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF BLOODSHED IS DRACONUS MONEY. HE USES IT TO FUND HIS ARMY AND FUEL A LIFESTYLE HE'S ACCUSTOMED TO. HE SELLS THE SERVICES OF HIS ARMY TO WHICHEVER CLAN NEEDS TO PISS ON THE OTHER ONE THIS WEEK. YOU KNOW THE TAR'KEN. ALWAYS LOOKING FOR BLOOD FEUD.

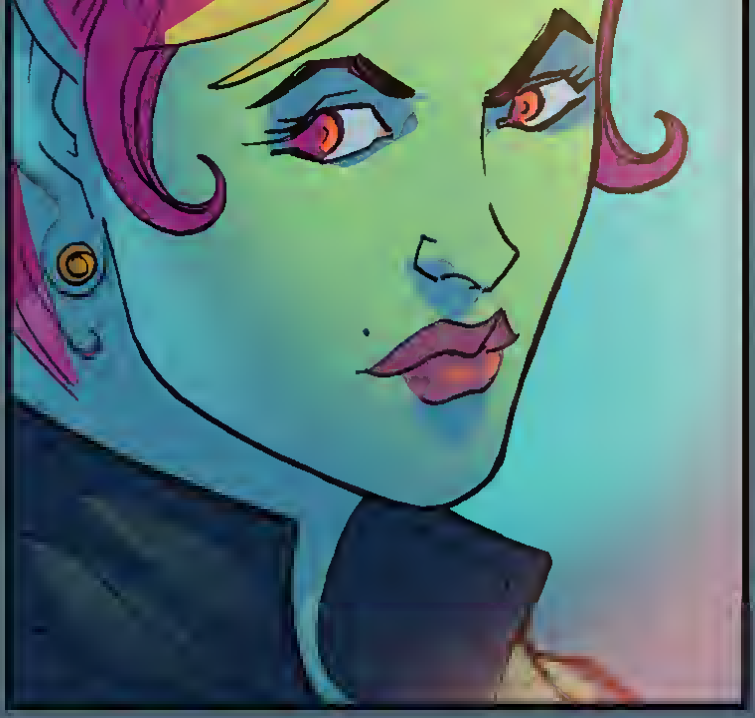
SOUNDS LIKE YOU KNOW HIM PRETTY WELL. ANY CHANCE YOU CAN KEEP THIS NAME THING A SECRET FROM TOR?

FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE?
Ha. BRINGING

UP THE OLD TIMES ISN'T EXACTLY GOING TO ENDEAR YOU TO ME. WE HAD A GOOD THING. THE RIGHT MIX OF BUSINESS AND PLEASURE. YOU WENT AND SCREWED IT UP.

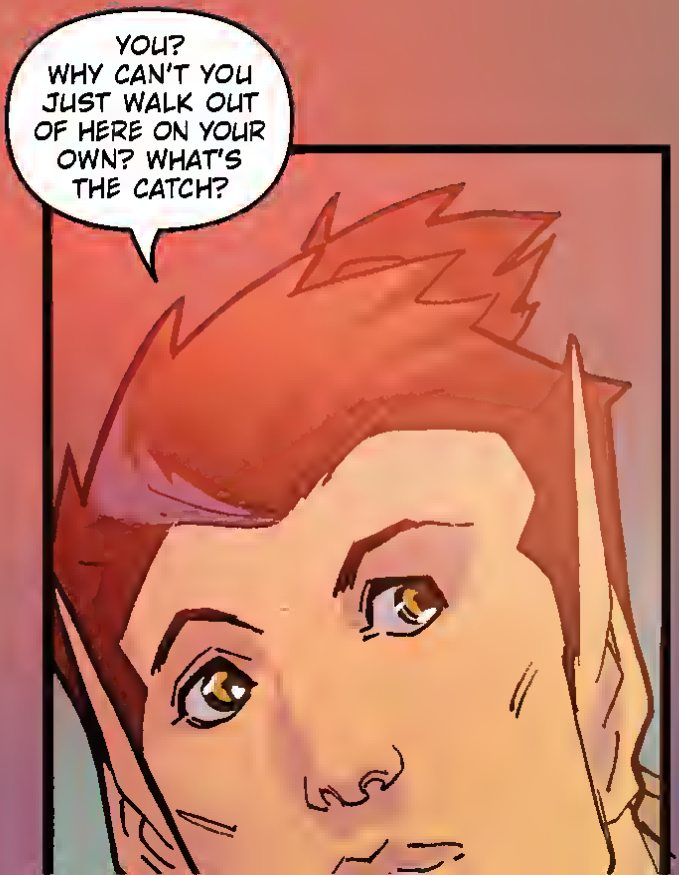
YOU TRIED TO HAVE ME KILLED TWICE AND GAVE IT A SHOT YOURSELF ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION. I DIDN'T SEE A FUTURE FOR ME IN "US".

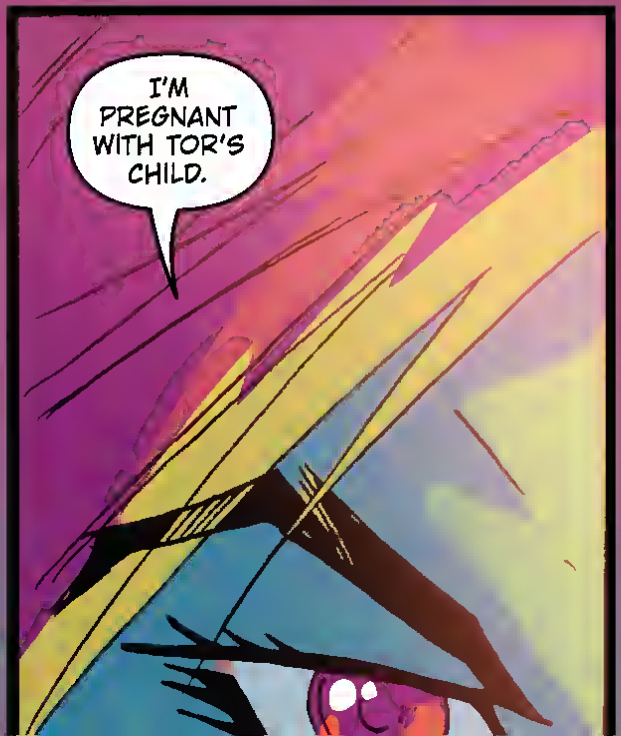
Oh, you LOVED the ATTENTION! It's not like I go around trying to assassinate ALL my lovers. Only the ones I REALLY care about!

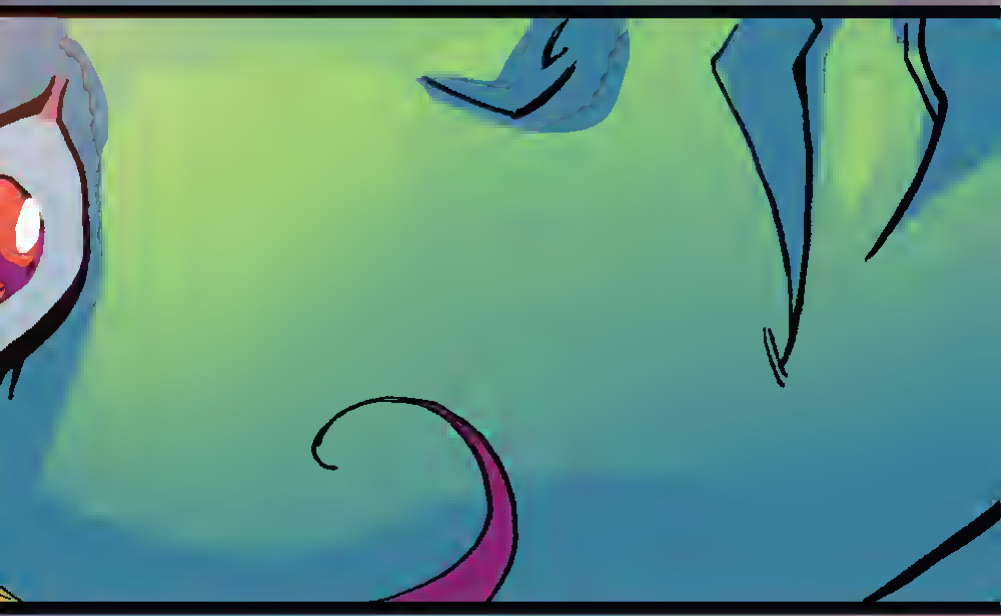


THIS.
THIS RIGHT HERE IS THE PROBLEM!

LOOK. LET'S LEAVE THE PAST IN THE PAST. MAYBE WE CAN BOTH COME OUT OF THIS AHEAD. I'LL KEEP YOUR LITTLE SECRET, IF YOU SMUGGLE ME OUT OF HERE WHEN YOU LEAVE.


YOU? WHY CAN'T YOU JUST WALK OUT OF HERE ON YOUR OWN? WHAT'S THE CATCH?


I'M PREGNANT WITH TOR'S CHILD.



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